Windmill Pointe Park
Egg Scramble

Wednesday, April 1st, 2015
4:30 p.m.

All children 8 years of age and under are invited to our outdoor Egg Scramble on Wednesday, April 1st at Windmill Pointe Park. The scramble will begin promptly at 4:30 p.m., rain or shine. The Merry Music Maker will start the hunt and provide entertainment for the children! Plastic bunny eggs will cover the grounds waiting to be found and turned in for candy, cookies and surprises. Egg collection bags will be provided as the children arrive.

Bring your camera too! Mr. Bunny will be available to take pictures with your child against an Easter backdrop. Also, farm animals (bunnies, goats, sheep, llama, camel, etc.) for petting and feeding will be visiting the Park that day.

Tickets are $6.00 per child and will be available March 1st through March 31st at the Windmill Pointe Park outside gatehouse.

All Pointes’ Daddy/ Daughter Dance
Sponsored By:

Beaumont®

Grosse Pointe South Main Gym
Saturday, March 21st - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Ages 12 & under - $8.00 per person

Dads, don’t miss out on this fun evening with your daughters. This is a joint event hosted by the Parks and Recreation Departments of all the Pointes. Sign up starts Monday, February 2nd through March 13th for our fifth daddy/daughter dance! Dress in your semi formal attire and head to the high school. Each daughter will receive a single stem flower to take home.

Bring your cameras so you can take pictures of this memorable night! Appetizers and dessert will be provided throughout the evening. For more information and to register, please call 822-2812 ext. 201.
**Park Hours**

**Patterson Park**  
8:00 a.m. to Dusk

**Ice Rink Hours**  
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
- (Rink season will last as long as weather permits.)
- **Sledding Hill Hours**  
  10:00 - Dusk

**Windmill Pointe Park**  
8:00 a.m. to Dusk

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**City Phone Numbers**

**911 - Emergencies Only**

**Municipal Offices - Automated Telephone System:**

- **Main Number** 313-822-6200
- **0** - For the operator
  - **1** - Public Services, Building Department and Assessment
  - **2** - Water & Sewerage Billing
  - **3** - Public Safety
  - **4** - Municipal Court

**Direct Lines:**

- Public Safety: 313-822-7400
- Public Service: 313-822-4365
- Voting & Elections: 313-822-4380
- Tax Information: 313-822-4267
- Building Inspector: 313-822-4368
- Water Billing: 313-822-7650
- Municipal Court: 313-822-3535
- City Forester: 313-822-6200 (ext. 271)

**Parks & Recreation** 313-822-2812

- Okulski Theatre Information  Press 1
- Lavins Activity Center  Press 2
- Park Office / Tompkins Center  Press 3
- Inside Gate / Harbormaster  Press 4
- **Outside Gate / Windmill Pte.** 822-5155
- **Patterson Park Gatehouse** 822-1681

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**Park Pass Information**

It is the goal of the City of Grosse Pointe Park to continue to provide to you, the residents, the best possible service and recreational facilities. It is extremely important that everyone complies with the Park Pass rules so that we all enjoy our parks.

Lost passes will be replaced ONCE per season, through an adult only, at a cost of $20.00 each at City Hall. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information regarding Park Passes, please contact Public Service at (313) 822-4365.

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**Tompkins Center**

Just a little reminder about our beautiful facility that is available to all Park residents - The Tompkins Community Center. The Tompkins Community Center is a large banquet room with two warming kitchens, restrooms, high vaulted ceilings, large fireplace and windows with a view of the lake; all this, plus a quaint, homey feel. You can have your function catered or prepare your own food and warm it in our kitchens. The Center is always cleaned and prepped by staff so you can throughly enjoy yourself at your party!

Reserve any day from now until March 31, 2015 and receive a $100 discount off your rental price! Call 822-2812, ext. 201 to make your reservations.

- **Weekdays** $250
- **Fri. Sat. Sun. Rentals** $350
- **Weddings or Wedding Receptions** $550
- **Monday - Thursday Hourly Rate** (up to 4 hours maximum) $50

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**Grosse Pointe Park Communicator**

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BUSINESS FOCUS

Carol C. Schaap Theater

As everyone has probably noted, construction has begun with our second theater at Windmill Pointe Park. This project is primarily funded by the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, with an expected completion date and grand opening in early June.

The new theater will have a very different look from our current theater. The most obvious difference will be the seating and access to the seats. Rather than the usual placement of a significant pitch within the room for the rows of seats, as our current theater has, the seats will be constructed upon platform risers. See the photo depiction below which reflects this layout. Also, as reflected in the depiction, the seats will be extremely comfortable and recline to enhance the movie going experience.

Barbara Detwiler, President of the Foundation, heralded the generosity of the members which have brought this project to fruition, particularly Carol and Paul Schaap who provided the significant initial contribution which in turn quickly inspired so many donors to step up to the plate. In excess of $220,000 for the project has been donated since November and total contributions to date have exceeded $450,000. Barbara Detwiler indicated the response from donors well surpassed expectations and truly reflects the terrific sense of community Park residents have always had and their enthusiasm over the theater itself.

Individuals and families who are continuing to donate to the Foundation shall receive name recognition for their contributions through name plates and the placement of stars reflecting their support. If you have yet to contribute to this project there is still time to do by contacting Kathy Wilmer at City Hall for a pledge card.

West Park Farmer’s Market Piazza Update

This spring we will see an expanded summer Market as the City moves forward in concert with the City of Detroit with the placement of a permanent market which will incorporate a public square. This year the Market is slated to open the second week of June and run through October. Offerings will be expanded to include meat, poultry and fresh fish in addition to our organic fruits and vegetables. Also, the City anticipates using the expanded market square to host special events on weekends which may include our “After Six Events” and occasional Friday and Saturday musical events. Mayor Heenan notes that while we have actively debated the location of the market, the expanded vision and long term permanent plan will incorporate the entire block and will be a great addition for both communities. The rendering below reflects the market and public square as proposed.

Street Resurfacing Program

The City will begin the resurfacing of streets this April and continue through the fall. Curb replacement started last fall on the initial streets to be resurfaced and additional ones will be added to this year’s repaving program. This year represents the first of the five year plan by the City to undertake the entire Community.

Residents Take Note

It was brought to our attention that The Blue Book accidentally published the phone number for the Park Grill Mediterranean on Kercheval incorrectly. The correct phone number is (313) 264-1997.
Tiny Tots
Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski

Tiny Tots is a developmentally based gross motor class designed for children 18-36 months old. Along with their parents, the children learn how to move in fun and challenging ways while dancing to music and playing games with new friends.

Session IV: 6 Weeks $55.00
Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

Session V: 6 Weeks $55.00
Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
April 14th, 21st, 28th, May 5th, 12th, 19th

Payment at sign-up required for all classes.

Pipsqueaks P.E.
Taught by Suzanne Piepszowski

Pipsqueaks P.E. is a class for children 3-6 years old who are ready to move, dance and play independently from their parents. This is a great class designed to get their bodies moving in a fun and energetic way while learning new developmental skills.

Session IV: 6 Weeks $55.00
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

Session V: 6 Weeks $55.00
Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
April 14th, 21st, 28th, May 5th, 12th, 19th

“Daddy/Daughter Date Night”
Monday, February 9th
“Frozen”
Arrive at 6:00 p.m. - Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.
$12.00 ($6.00 for each additional child)

This is a night just for dads and their daughters. Come have your very own night at the movies together for the featured film. Package includes complimentary small popcorn and beverage. We will also take a special Daddy/Daughter photo of the two of you and frame it so you can take it home and always remember your special night together!

“Mother/Son Date Night”
Wednesday, February 11th
“The Lego Movie”
Arrive at 6:00 p.m. - Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.
$12.00 ($6.00 for each additional child)

This is a night just for moms and their sons. Come have your very own night at the movies together for the featured film. Package includes complimentary small popcorn and beverage. We will also take a special Mother/Son photo of the two of you and frame it so that you can take it home and always remember your special night together!

Children must be 5 years of age or older. Please call 822-2812, ext. 201 to reserve your spot by Friday, February 6th.

Merry Music Maker Pajama Party!
Ages 2-8 years - $12 per family
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Come join us for an evening of fun with Ms. Paula. Bring a blanket, wear your pajamas and plan on having lots of silly fun. We sing songs, tell stories, make funny faces, dance to music and play games. So pack up the family and put on a smile because bedtime will never be the same!

February 13th
March 13th
April 17th
May 8th

Note: Prepayment not necessary. Pay at door.

Don’t Forget! Ms. Paula will also be at the Egg Scramble Bunny Concert on April 1st at 4:30 pm!
This popular martial arts program continues another season of learning, skill development and advancement. The “Turn of the Tide” Martial Arts program teaches students how to gain confidence in themselves and their abilities. These classes are ongoing and new students are always welcome. Classes are held in the Lavins Activity Center gymnasium. Sign up online or at the Lavins Activity Center.

“Little Dragons” (formerly Beginner Class): Students age 4 to 6 years old that are new to Karate or have attained a Junior Ranking.

“Mighty Vipers” (formerly Intermediate Class): Students age 7 to 9 years old.

“Peaceful Warriors” (formerly Advanced Class): Students 10 and up that have attained the rank of 8th Gup Purple Belt and up.

“Pink Power”: Girls age 7 and up.

Don’t let your child be bullied. Learn self-defense and anti-bullying skills in all of our Turn of the Tide Classes.

Martial Arts Specialty Classes

There are several specialty classes offered throughout the year for strengthening martial arts skills. Please check the class schedule to see when these enrichment classes are available. Look for the following classes: Teens, Weapons/Padded Weapons, Forms/Sparring, Demo Team and Black/Red Belt. Each class will offer eight weeks of training geared to a specific group of students or focus on the specific skill set listed in the class title. These classes will help support students looking to advance in belt rank.

Karate Class Schedule

Session III:

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Little Dragons - Feb 2, 9, 23, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Demo Team - Same dates as above.
Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors - Same dates as above.

Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Mighty Vipers - Feb 3, 10, 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Weapons - Feb 4, 11, 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1
Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Teens - Same dates as above.

Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Pink Power - Feb 5, 12, 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors - Same dates as above.

Session IV:

Mondays - 4:15 p.m. Little Dragons - Apr 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 29, June 1
Mondays - 4:30 p.m. Black/Red Belt - Same dates as above.
Mondays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors - Same dates as above.

Note: No class on 5/25 (Memorial Day). Class will be held 5/29.

Tuesdays - 4:15 p.m. Mighty Vipers - Apr 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2
Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors - Same dates as above.

Wednesdays - 4:15 p.m. Sparring - Apr 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3
Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Teens - Same dates as above.

Thursdays - 4:30 p.m. Pink Power - Apr 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4
Thursdays - 5:30 p.m. Peaceful Warriors - Same dates as above.

Important Karate Dates...

Black Belt Testing
Saturday, March 21, 2015
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

*Parents Night/Demo Night
Friday, March 27, 2015
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

*Instructor Workshop
Saturday, March 28, 2015
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

*Parent Night/Demo Night & Instructor Workshops are open to the public!

Parent Demo Night and Instructor Workshops

Come help Turn of the Tide Martial Arts celebrate 25 years of Martial Arts excellence in Grosse Pointe Park! There are two ways you can join in on the fun with Turn of the Tide. Join us for our annual Parent Night Karate Demonstration on Friday, March 27, 2015 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. You’ll see some terrific young martial artists and young leaders strut their stuff!

Also, on Saturday March 28, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. you can attend the following Instructor Workshops:

**Sensei Jaye Spiro**, founder and head instructor of Mejishi Martial Arts in Ferndale, a 7th degree black belt in Ai Mute Shotokan Karate and 6th degree black belt in Modern Arnis, will be teaching a Filipino Stick Fighting Class.

**Cikgu Jen Para** from the Chicago area is an instructor in Silat Seni Gayong. She has traveled to Malaysia on several occasions and is a 3rd degree black belt. She will be teaching a workshop on both empty hand and traditional Silat weaponry.

**Teddie Linder**, a 4th degree black belt in Aikido, is head instructor and founder of Tiger Lily Eastern Arts in Indianapolis, Indiana. She will be teaching everyone how to fall, roll and recover along with other Aikido skills and principals.

These workshops are open to the public for a small fee. Contact Instructor Lisa Santi for more information at bruceleesa77@gmail.com.
Looking for something to do? The Lavins Activity Center offers many recreational options for residents to take part in year round. The Meade Fitness Center is available for weight training and/or cardio workouts and we have an assortment of fitness classes taught in the Golden Gymnasium such as Yoga, Indoor Cycling, Zumba, etc. (see complete class list below). Also located in the Lavins Activity Center is the Okulski Family Theatre for an evening out at the movies!

### Fitness Center Hours

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### Personal Training

Personal Training Sessions can be purchased at the front desk of the Lavins Center. All trainers are NASM certified.

- Single Sessions: $60.00
- Three Session Packet: $165.00
- Six Session Packet: $300.00

### Meade Fitness Center

Located on the second floor of the Lavins Activity Center, the Meade Fitness Center is a great place to burn a few calories and have a fantastic view of Lake St. Clair. The Fitness Center offers a variety of weight machines, free weights and state-of-the-art cardio equipment. Our Certified Personal Trainer on staff is available to provide complimentary assessment sessions to new members by appointment. Members may also purchase private Personal Training Sessions with our trainer to obtain an individualized weight training program.

### Fitness Classes

Membership to the Fitness Center also now includes full access to all of our exercise classes. All classes are conducted in the Golden Gymnasium located on the main floor. Classes are ongoing year round, but a monthly schedule is always available in the lobby which will reflect any possible changes. Classes include the following:

- Body Sculpting
- Circuit Saturdays
- Daily Dose
- Indoor Cycling
- Pilates
- Power Yoga
- Yoga
- Yoga Fit
- Stay Strong
- Tone & Trim
- Zumba

### The Okulski Family Theatre

The Okulski Theatre offers a variety of movies on the big screen. Call 822-2812 and press Ext. 1, to hear the current movie title, show times and dates. Tickets are available for advance purchase on the same day. You can't beat the convenience of popcorn and a movie so close to home! Teens are advised to have their park pass available for PG-13 rated movies.

**Ticket Prices:**
- Adults: $7.00
- Seniors (60 & over): $6.00
- Children (12 & under): $6.00
- Matinée: $5.00

**NOTE:** THE MOVIE STARTS ON TIME!
So get here early to get your snacks and seats!

### Gym Rentals

Occasional half-court gym rentals of the Golden Family Gymnasium are available. Reservations may be made with pre-payment 72 hours in advance (maximum) for basketball, volleyball, badminton and running games. The fee is $20 per hour for half court. Park passes are required for access to the Park and the Lavins Activity Center. Park Passes may be asked for at the reception desk to prove residency. Gym use policy requires one Grosse Pointe Park resident to every three NON-residents. Non-residents must arrive WITH residents; otherwise they will be denied entry. Rental for large groups (with more non-residents than residents) is allowed only by pre-registration (25 - 72 hours), pre-payment and provision of a list of attendees 24 hours before the rental. The maximum number of people allowed in the gym is limited to 25 persons per side.

Proper tennis or gym shoes are required and shirts must be worn. Participants under the age of 18, are required to have a parent/guardian in attendance.

Water bottles are permitted in the gym, but no other food or drinks are allowed. Basketball and volleyballs are available at the reception desk, as well as a complete list of gymnasium rules.
**Empire Farms Horseback Riding Lessons**

Grosse Pointe Park is partnering with Empire Farms to bring riding lessons to Park residents. Their brand new facility in Chesterfield is located at 56300 New Haven Road, just off of I-94 between 25 & 26 Mile Road. The drive is less than 25 minutes from your Grosse Pointe Park home!

This state of the art facility is owned and operated by Head Trainer Shannon Meehan. Shannon has been a “horse person” all her life. She has years of experience and a proven track record of successful riders. Her main focus is on horsemanship.

A 4-package of lunge line lessons runs $160. The lessons are 1/2 hour sessions, but Shannon suggests that riders arrive 1/2 an hour before their lesson and plan to stay 1/2 an hour after. This gives them extra time with their horse, allowing for the full experience of taking them from their stall, setting them up for their ride and bringing them back. Riders should wear long pants, boots with a heel and layers. A helmet will be provided.

Lessons can be arranged by calling Empire Farms at (810) 919-1318 and can be purchased by cash or check only, no credit cards. Look for Shannon at our Chilly Fest Event on Saturday, January 31st from noon - 4:00 p.m. She will be on hand in the Lavins Center gymnasium to answer any questions and offer more information regarding lessons and sign up. Visit www.empirefarmsmi.com.

**Grosse Pointe Sail Club**

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club had much to celebrate when we closed out 2014! We grew our membership by 29 members thanks to the hard work and diligence of our many members. All of our members are great recruiters and ambassadors for this club.

Thank you to Commodore Ted Williford and his wife (Lady Janie) and the 2014 Flag Officers & Directors for a memorable and incredibly successful 2014. In January, we held our annual Commodore’s Ball at the beautiful Lochmoor Club where we celebrated our new Flag Officers and Directors that will lead us for 2015.

When the Michigan winter weather is at its peak we head inside and have our “Dry Dock” parties. We always seem to have great themes and membership participation at each of them. We reminisce about the warm summer breezes of the prior boating season while anticipating the upcoming season. Whether you know how to sail or just want to have fun, the GPSC is for you!

If you’re interested in more information about the GPSC which was founded in 1948, our Tuesday evening Sundown Series Races (started in 1961) and results, DRYA Seminars, Lake St. Clair water levels, pictures of the new 2015 Bridge members, or our 2015 event calendar, take a look at our website: www.gpsc.org. If you have membership questions, please contact Mary Beth O’Connell (mboconnell@wayne.edu).

Upcoming GPSC Events (February ~ April, 2015)
- DRYA Race Committee 101 class (Saturday, February 7 @ Bayview Yacht Club)
- Winter Weekend Getaway (February)
- Dry Dock Party (February)
- Spring Party (March)
- Commodore’s Steak Roast (April)

**Pasta In The Park**

Mary Lou Muer and Blue Pointe Restaurant will provide Park residents with an “all you can eat” pasta buffet featuring salad and fresh baked rolls. The dinners are held in the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park. This is a great way to dine with old friends and to make new ones! After you eat, you may want to walk over to the theatre and watch the featured movie!

The dates for the upcoming “Pasta Nights” are:

- Tuesday, February 24th at 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday March 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are $10 per person and must be purchased in advance. For more information, call Chris at (313) 822-2812, ext. 201, or send an email to DelmegeC@grossepointepark.org. Pasta in the Park dinner tickets sell out quickly, so make your reservations early.

**Marina Notes**

**Upcoming Events**

- April 15, 2015 Marina Opens
- March 15, 2015 Balance On Boat Wells Due
- April 15, 2015 Marina Opens
- April 15, 2015 Marina Opens

**Quickstart Tennis Classes**

A revolutionary change in the way kids 10 and under learn and play tennis, as well as compete, is happening across the country and your kids should be part of it! We use smaller courts, lighter and lower bouncing balls, and smaller and lighter racquet to fit your child’s size. All this makes it easy and fun for them to hit, play and score from the start, while developing skills that will last a lifetime.

Students should have a properly fitting youth racquet. We have racquets available for purchase at $20 each. Contact Coach Chip Fazio, USPTA Tennis Elite Professional, at (313) 670-3277 to reserve a racquet and/or ask questions about the class.

**Session I:**
- 6 Weeks - $78

  Saturdays, Feb. 14th - March 21st
  Ages 4-6 yrs.  2:00 - 2:45 pm
  Ages 7-12 yrs.  3:00 - 4:00 pm

**Session II:**
- 6 Weeks - $78

  Saturdays, March 28th - May 9th
  Ages 4-6 yrs.  2:00 - 2:45 pm
  Ages 7-12  3:00 – 4:00 pm

(Note: No class April 11th)
Grosse Pointe Park
“Mutants” Swim Team News

We are getting ready to start another thrilling mutant season! The “Mutants” are our summer swim team, which is comprised of residents age 17 and under who compete against neighboring Grosse Pointes and St. Clair Shores. The team is intended for swimmers who already know how to swim and want to experience the opportunity to compete. Swim team is for experienced swimmers only. Swimmers needing instruction in learning how to swim must sign up for swim lessons. For 2015 registration forms and information, please go to the Mutant webpage after March 1st at www.gppmutants.org and go to registration/parent volunteers.

PARENT MEETING: Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m., Okulski Theatre. This is a recommended informational meeting for new and returning swim team parents. You may also register your swimmer, purchase Mutant wear and sign up to volunteer for team events and activities.

SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION AND TRYOUTS: Sunday, May 17th at 1:00 p.m. at the pool. (Rain Date: Wednesday, May 20th at 4:00 p.m.)
• Tryouts are only for new swimmers and D Team members
• Swimmers wishing to change levels can do so at 2:30 p.m. after tryouts
• Register your swimmers and sign up to volunteer
• Order your child’s swimsuit and Mutant wear

SWIM TEAM FEES - Payable to “Grosse Pointe Park Mutants”:

| 1 Swimmer: $100 | 2 Swimmers: $150 | 3+ Swimmers: $200 |

Nicnic Permits

Picnic permits can be obtained for up to 25 guests for Windmill Pointe Park or Patterson Park. For more information, please call Chris at 822-2812 ext. 201.

- Monday through Friday - $15.00
- Saturday and Sunday - $25.00
- Large Grill - $5.00

Lindell Lodge & Patio

The Lindell Lodge will be available for bookings of 25 or less from April 15th to November 15th, 2015. Call 822-2812, ext. 201 to reserve your date.

Monday - Friday - $75.00
Saturday, Sunday and holidays - $125.00

Features include: 32” HD LCD TV, surround sound stereo system, fireplace, 2 comfy chairs and 2 wooden café tables with accompanying wooden chairs.

No Engine Initiative
May 23rd - June 23rd

The Parks and Recreation Department is planning our fifth annual “No-Engine Initiative.” The first winning ticket holder will have the first choice of prizes, the second winner the second choice and so on until the last winner is notified. We will be notifying winners by phone. When you come to either of our beautiful Parks from May 23rd through June 23rd by means of a “no engine” mode of transportation, ask for a No-Engine Initiative raffle ticket (one ticket per person per day please). Legibly print your name and phone number on the back of the raffle ticket and drop it in the “No-Engine” container at either of the Parks. Please remember, you may submit only one ticket per day. All duplicate entries on any given day will be discarded.

We are excited that this event has inspired many of our residents to make a healthy and “green” choice. Biking, walking, jogging and other “no-engine” means of transportation are beneficial to our residents as well as our community. We look forward to recognizing residents who make these choices on a regular basis and those who make a special effort to strive for this choice during our initiative.

If you are a community member who would like to support this program by donating a prize, or if you would like more information on this event, please contact Chris at (313) 822-2812, ext. 201 or email him at delmegec@grossepointepark.org.

After 6:00 On Kercheval Returns

After 6:00 On Kercheval is returning after another successful season! This is a great way to spend the evening with friends and neighbors listening to music, playing games and enjoying good food. Look for more information and details in the summer issue of the Communicator.

The dates for these ideal fun filled events are the second Saturday of each month: June 13th, July 11th and August 8th.

West Park Farmers’ Market

The West Park Farmers’ Market opens its 2015 season and joins forces with the first “After Six On Kercheval” event for an evening filled with fun for everyone! This opening event will be on Saturday, June 13th. The Farmers’ Market and After Six event will take place at Market Square at the end of Kercheval and Wayburn.

This season brings new, as well as established vendors, offering meat, poultry, fish, breads, cheeses and produce from Michigan farmers. Market hours this year will be Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The season will then end on Saturday, October 10th. Information on the 2015 Market Season and the After Six events will be on the City website at www.grossepointepark.org as it becomes available. Also, look to the May 1st issue of the Communicator for more Farmers’ Market information.
**Adult Golf Instruction**

Instructor: Matt Bodde, Golf Pro, Country Club of Detroit

5 Classes - $65.00

This class is designed for beginners and for those of you who need to brush up on your skills. You will need to bring 4 clubs to the first class - a wood, 7 iron, pitching wedge and a putter. Practical hands-on instruction and video taping of each golfer will take place during each session. Golf lessons will be taught in the Golden Family Gymnasium accommodating up to 15 participants. Sign up early with your friends to reserve your spot!

Classes are held on Tuesdays from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Session I:   Feb 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar 3
Session II:  Mar 24, 31, Apr. 7, 14, 21

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**Afternoon Out Is Back!**

Come join us for a FREE movie, coffee and cookies twice a month on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. It's just a nice way to spend the afternoon.

February 4  “Gigi” (Leslie Caron & Maurice Chevalier)
February 18 “Ordinary People” (Donald Sutherland & Mary Tyler Moore)
March 4  “Educating Rita” (Michael Caine & Julie Walters)
March 18 “Driving Miss Daisy” (Jessica Tandy & Morgan Freeman)
April 1  “Fried Green Tomatoes” (Kathy Bates & Jessica Tandy)

*April 15  “Sleepless In Seattle” (Tom Hanks & Meg Ryan)
  *Blue Pointe Luncheon at 12:00 p.m.*

*Blue Pointe Restaurant will provide lunch in the Tompkins Center for $10.00 per person. Please make your reservations and payment in advance at the Lavins Activity Center!

For more information, call the Lavins Activity Center at (313) 822-2812, ext. 300.

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**Calendar Highlights**

A reminder of pertinent dates & events coming up in our City. Please note the dates that may be of interest to you and your family.

**February 13**  Merry Music Maker Pajama Party
Lavins Center Gymnasium at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**February 24**  Pasta In The Park
Tompkins Center at 5:30 p.m.

**March 13**  Merry Music Maker Pajama Party
Lavins Center Gymnasium at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**March 24**  Pasta In The Park
Tompkins Center at 5:30 p.m.

**April 1**  Egg Scramble
Windmill Pointe Park at 4:30 p.m.

**April 5 Easter Sunday**  PLEASE NOTE
Windmill Pointe Park & Lavins Center Closed
Patterson Park open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**April 17**  Merry Music Maker Pajama Party
Lavins Center Gymnasium at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**April 15**  Marina Opens for 2015 season

**May 5**  Special Election

**May 8**  Merry Music Maker Pajama Party
Lavins Center Gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**May 16**  Perennial Plant Exchange
Windmill Pointe Park at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**May 16**  Shredding
Windmill Pointe Park at 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**May 23 - June 23**  No Engine Initiative
Windmill Pointe Park & Patterson Park

**June 13**  West Park Farmers Market Opens
Kercheval In The Park

**June 13**  After Six On Kercheval
On Kercheval between Maryland and Wayburn
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
LANDLORDS TAKE NOTICE

Renting of property requires a Certificate of Occupancy permit and all landlords must, for the safety of the renters, acquire a C of O inspection. As in most industries, laws and regulations change periodically and for the safety of your renters, retrofits and repairs must be made. Inspections and dates will be AM or PM. No exact times will be given as our inspector has many inspections and times vary greatly. No extensions will be granted. Be sure to schedule your inspection giving yourself time to complete your repairs and allow access for the inspection. A reinspection, because of no access or incomplete repairs, will cause a $50.00 reinspection fee to be charged to the landlord.

SNOW REMOVAL

Streets are our number one priority during snow events. Due to the cost of salt, the Department of Public Works will be spot salting at intersections and mid-way on all streets. During accumulating snow, streets will be salted and plowing will take place when accumulation is 3 inches or greater.

SNOW REMOVAL BY CONTRACTOR

It is the Contractor’s responsibility to push the snow they are plowing back onto the homeowner’s property, not the neighbor’s property. The Police Department will issue tickets to Contractors who violate this policy.

Sec. 21-52. Sidewalks to be Cleared.
The occupant of every lot or premises adjoining any street, or the owner of such lot or premises, if the same are not occupied, shall clear all ice and snow from sidewalks adjoining such lot or premises within the time herein required. After any snow or ice shall cease to fall, such snow or ice shall be cleared from the sidewalks within twelve (12) hours of such cessation (code 1957).

Sewalks

As a service to homeowners, snow and ice is cleared from sidewalks. In the event that snowfall is very limited or ice build-up occurs, residents are asked to clear their sidewalks within 12 hours of such occurrences. Grosse Pointe Park City Code states as follows:

Sec. 21-53. Failure to Clear.
If any occupant or owner shall neglect or fail to clear ice or snow from the sidewalk adjoining his premises within the time limit, or shall otherwise permit ice or snow to accumulate on such sidewalk, he shall be guilty of a violation of this article and in addition, the Director of Public Service may cause the same to be cleared and the expense of removal shall become a debt to the city from the occupant or owner of such premises, and shall be collected as any other debt to the city. (Code 1957). Please remove vehicles from street during snow storms.

Please note: On your rubbish collection day, Rizzo picks up one side of the street then the other. Please do not call until after 2:00 p.m. with rubbish collection concerns.

2015 BOARD OF REVIEW

The 2015 Board of Review will meet on the following dates: March 10th and 17th, between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; March 12th between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Notices will be mailed to all property owners approximately two weeks prior. Hours in session, location and number to call for appointments will be printed on the notice. Everyone who makes a request, protest or application to the March Board of Review will be notified in writing of the Board of Review’s action.

There is no requirement for what may be submitted for a local appeal. Each case is heard and judged on a case by case basis. Valuation disclosures presented by a petitioner may include appraisal of the subject that is being appealed and any other materials to support their contention of value. Pictures of property and those of comparables being used are helpful. Comparables should not differ in size, age or location. If using foreclosure, sheriff sale or short sale, it should be noted as these could have had an affect on the sale price.

It is the Board of Review’s responsibility to make an independent judgment based on the facts presented and on the law, knowing that price and cost may serve as the basis for expressing value, but are not synonymous with value. Section 27(5) of the General Property Tax Act states the following: “beginning December 31, 1994, the purchase price in a transfer of a property is not the presumptive true cash value of a property transferred.” Therefore the Board of Review does NOT have the authority to change an assessment solely on a sales price.

2015 SPECIAL ELECTION

May 2, 2014  Last day absentee ballot can be mailed from City Hall at 2:00 pm. (City Hall will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

May 4, 2014  Absentee ballot may be obtained until 4:00 p.m. and vote must be cast at City Hall.

May 5, 2014  Polls open 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Emergency ballot may be obtained due to an unforeseen circumstance.

Questions? Please contact Deputy Clerk Donna Costa at 822-4380 or costadm@grossepointepark.org

To print out a Voter Registration form and/or Absentee Ballot Application, go to www.grossepointepark.org under “Departments”/ “City Clerk”/ “Voting.”

Recycling Reminder

Compost recycling will start again on April 6th, 2015.

All recycling must be placed in the proper recycling containers for pick up. Clear plastic bags with excess recycling will not be picked up. Also, cardboard needs to be broken down and placed in container for recycling.
Beautification Award Winners

The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission hosted its Annual Awards evening on November 6, 2014. Twenty eight proud homeowners received customized picture awards of their homes. The evening ended with a delightful reception catered by Park Grill. Mayor Palmer Heenan presented the awards to the following residents who enhanced the appearance of our residential community with their landscaping efforts:

Ann Kraemer
Kathleen & Roland Grose
David & Donna Costa
Dhimitry Rapi
Nevrus Nazarko
Glenn Jones
Jim & Kristin Beardslee
Jim & Sandra Turnbull
Susan Auch
Jack & Geri Daly
John Jones
Herman & Elizabeth Wang
Robert & Alison Larson
Frank & Sally Murray
Fredrick & Linda Schaible
Edward Stroble III
James & Maureen Graham
Aamir & Parveen Siddiqui
Patrick Drummond Trust
Steve & Barbara Mallires
Tim & Cathy Buisch
Richard Davis & Helene Tigchelaar
Dr. Amer & Ms. Cynthia Aboukasm
William & Marion Cuneo
John & Joanne Hoye
Roland Peregrine &
Linda Koltuniak
Jennifer & Brent Kuhar
Antonio Galinato

From left to right business award winners:
Park Grill, Jungle Juice Bar, Atwater in the Park, Higher Grounds

Congratulations to all of our winners!

2014 Holiday Awards
By: Pat Deck

Thank you to those residents who decorated their homes for the holidays! The warm weather in December gave people an extra incentive to decorate and make our community look very festive. Once again, members of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission nominated those homes they felt were outstanding in their decor. The residents listed below will receive certificates of appreciation. Additionally, 2 businesses were recognized, Park Grill and Saint Ambrose Church. Beauty is more than superficial; it adds to the quality of our lives and makes the Park a more desirable place to live. Thanks to all of you for sharing the beauty of the season with your neighbors.

Audubon 1398
Balfour 721, 1360, 1410
Barrington 513, 523, 631
Beaconsfield 1220
Bedford 797, 873, 939, 959, 1006, 1239
Berkshire 716, 725, 759, 1254, 1417
Bishop 1012, 1018, 1223, 1366, 1386, 1440
Buckingham 1001, 1014, 1015, 1428
Devonshire 1040, 1205, 1216, 1224, 1321, 1356, 1321, 1412
East Jefferson 16001, 16109, 16460
Elair Place 800
Grayton 1092, 1101, 1220, 1342, 1375, 1353
Grand Marais 924
Harvard 1150, 1211, 1237, 1383, 1420
Harcourt 792
Kensington 1381, 1429, 1441
Lakepointe 524, 809, 895, 959, 1113
Maryland 1017, 1065
Middlesex 552, 706
Nottingham 1021, 1303, 1398
Park Lane 825, 833
Pemberton 881, 859, 889, 973
Somerset 1027, 1025, 1051, 1381/79
Three Mile Drive 824, 841, 860, 1100, 1148, 1336, 1360, 1398
Wayburn 1115, 1430, 1438
Westchester 615, 647, 917, 934
Whittier 905
Windmill Pt. Dr. 15201, 15210, 15220, 15230, 15324
Yorkshire 1018, 1023, 1051, 1058, 1252

Public Safety Notification Service

Nixle is a helpful service for the Public Safety Department to publish notifications such as road closures, fire hydrant flushing, water main breaks, area power outages, etc. Residents can register for the service at https://nixle.com/register/ or download the application on their smart device.
Announcing Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission’s 2015 Tree Sale

(Tree sale is for Park residents only. Supplies are limited and orders will be filled on the basis of date and time received at the Park Municipal Building.)

**Snowdrift Crabapple** (*Malus ‘Snowdrift’*). Profuse pink buds become white flowers in spring, then glossy green foliage turning yellow in fall. Ornamental 3/8” yellow fruit persists into winter and is attractive to birds. Grows to 20’ H x 20’ W. Containerized 6’ tall.


**Weeping Cherry** (*Prunus*). Attractive flowers. Weeping branches structure. Beautiful small ornamental. Containerized approx. 5’ tall.

**Autumn Blaze Red Maple** (*Acer rubrum ‘Autumn Blaze’*). Grows very fast. Large growing shade tree reaching 50’. Green leaves turn a brilliant red in the fall. Containerized approx. 7’ tall.

Orders must be in by Arbor Day - Friday, April 24th.

Return to: Brian Colter, City Forester
15115 East Jefferson
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

Along with your check, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope and your phone number so you may be advised of tree pick-up dates.

Make check payable to the City of Grosse Pointe Park in the full amount.

Order No. __________
Name ________________________  Phone No. ____________________

Snowdrift Crabapple __________ at $50.00 = $ __________
Robinson Crabapple __________ at $50.00 = $ __________
Red Maple __________ at $70.00 = $ __________
Weeping Cherry __________ at $70.00 = $ __________

Total Amount Enclosed $_______________

No Guarantees

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**Spring Perennial Plant Exchange**
Sponsored by The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission
Saturday, May 16th, 2015    9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.    Tompkins Community Center

Composting demonstrations. Master gardeners available to answer questions. Exchange planting ideas with fellow gardeners. No plants for exchanging? No problem, gardeners happily share their extras. Free mulch, courtesy of The City of Grosse Pointe Park, will be available at Windmill Pointe Park.

For more information, please visit the website at www.grossepointepark.org, or select “current information” at www.bcsem.org.